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Our week

We've had a wonderful week, jam packed again with lots of contrasting things going on. I hope the parent workshop that was on Tuesday morning was helpful and the shared resources on Online Safety and AI is interesting.

On Wednesday it was wonderful taking 20 KS1 pupils to a South Norfolk Sports Partnership festival at Long Stratton Leisure Centre. The children did brilliantly and absolutely loved having the opportunity to compete against children from other schools.

On Wednesday, we launched with the children our plan for 2026 being the National Year of Reading, a pre-cursor to one of the most joyous days of the year on Thursday when the school erupted into a riot of colour in celebration of World Book Day. Thank you parents for embracing the spirit of this day. The children experienced amazing carousels of reading of activities in and across year groups, celebrating stories and poetry.



Thank you to all the parents who completed our annual Parent Views survey. I will be in touch with the outcomes of the survey and how we plan to continue to adapt, learn and grow based on the feedback given.

Everyone will have received an attendance letter this week. Thank you everyone for working with us to ensure your child/children are in school learning as many days as possible.

Hope to see you on Wednesday & Thursday at the class Reading Cafes!

FOWCP

Summer Disco

WE NEED YOU!



READY TO LEAD?

We have 9 offers of help on the day which is amazing; thank you everyone! But in order for it to go ahead we need a lead (or 2) for the Summer disco on Saturday 16th May! Please complete the form if you are able to run point on this beloved event!

16 MAY 2026

YR R-2: 15:30-16:15

YR 3-6 16:45-17:45



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FLEXI BOARDING IN UNDERWOOD HALL

NOW ONLY £75 PER NIGHT
(£30 ADMIN FEE ON YOUR FIRST BOOKING ONLY)

We are now offering 'flexi-boarding' to day pupils in Years 5 or Year 6 allowing them the opportunity to board on a flexible basis. The cost of flexi-boarding is £75 per night and will include the cost of dinner, breakfast, accommodation and all activities in Underwood Hall.



If you wish to book for your child to flexi board then please click on the link below. Alternatively you can email the school office or Mr. Timmins who will then be in touch with you with further information which will include drop off / collection arrangements, afternoon and evening schedules, and instructions on how payment is to be made.



Please note that there is an annual limit of 45 nights' accommodation per pupil per academic year. If you would like to enquire further about flexi-boarding then please do not hesitate to email Mr Timmins at j.timmins@wymcolprep.org.



[Flexi Boarding Booking Form](#)

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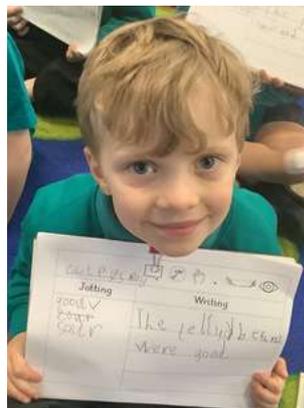
Reception Rabbits & Robins

We have really enjoyed a bright and fun week in reception this week. We have continued our learning about Traditional Tales with Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have loved our new English story 'Jack and the Jelly Bean Stalk' - a twist on the original story! In Maths, we have explored height and time. We have practiced remembering the days of the week and ordering them. Can your child remember any things that happen on specific days? Our phonics has focused on more of the phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs, we have practiced chunking up longer words and writing dictated sentences with more words. In PSHE, we discussed how moving our bodies can help us become the healthiest version of ourselves. The Rabbits & Robins loved celebrating World Book Day on Thursday - it was amazing to see all of the different costumes and see all of the children so enthusiastic about reading.



Year 1 Otters & Seals

It has been wonderful to enjoy some brighter weather this week and we have made the most of it by getting out into our Year 1 outdoor area! As part of our science learning we have all planted a sunflower seed to take care of and watch grow over the coming weeks. Hopefully by the summer holidays they will have bloomed into some lovely large flowers! Of course we all enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. We explored the story of Tiddler and were really excited for the carousel of activities where we visited all of the KS1 classrooms for some activities. In maths we have been working on number lines to 50 and have started our new story 'The Storm Whale' in English. We have been thinking about how fruit and veg grows in DT.



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Year 2 Badgers & Foxes

This week in school has been full of excitement and stories! The children were fascinated watching the ducklings emerge from their shells and their faces when the first duckling hatched was priceless! This has been such a wonderful learning experience, giving the children the chance to talk about life cycles and caring for living things. There's been a real buzz in the classroom as we carefully observe our Duckling each day.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. This year our activities were based on the story Tiddler by Julia Donaldson and the children loved diving into the underwater adventures of the little fish with the big imagination. Throughout the day the children took part in a range of creative activities including storytelling and drawing their own sea creatures. It was wonderful to see their creativity and enthusiasm for books.



Year 3 Dragonflies & Bumblebees

Dragonfly and Bumblebee Class have had an exciting week! In English, we acted in role as newspaper reporters after the discovery of Roman coins at our school—only for them to be mysteriously stolen! This became the focus of our independent newspaper reports. In Maths, we compared non-unit fractions using fraction walls to support our learning. We also had great fun celebrating World Book Day with *The Enormous Crocodile*, inventing clever tricks to help the cheeky crocodile win his lunch! In History, we loved learning about Roman gladiators. What a great week!



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Year 4 Eagles & Owls

Year 4 have finished their story of Journey, ready to start Arthur and the Golden Rope next week. In Mathematics, we have continued our work with fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions. In Science, we have been learning about living things and how we can classify them based on their features. We also had a fab day for World Book Day! We got to rotate around the year 3/4 classrooms for some English, Art, PE and Reading. We loved seeing all the brilliant costumes.



Year 5 Kings, Emperors & Royals

It has been another brilliant week for Year 5! We have completed our Malfeasance poems and have begun our new topic 'The Explorer'. In History we have learnt about the different occupations that people would have in Ancient Maya. During science we have been preparing for another experiment the egg drop test! Which design will be the most effective and save the egg from cracking?! We also loved world book day- all of our fun activities based around the Chronicles of Narnia. The costumes were just fantastic!



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Year 6 Lions & Jaguars

What an exciting week Year 6 have had! In science, we have been continuing our work on electrical circuits, looking at how to draw them scientifically. In computing, our unit on spreadsheets is continuing by looking at how to format cells to add currency, time etc. We ended the week with all things reading of course! In Year 6, we are so very lucky to have the privilege to work with the Year 7 team over at the college and arrange plenty of opportunities to visit their campus ready for the best start possible in September. This week we visited the college library to meet the Librarians and engage in a reading cafe. The children were fantastic credits to the Prep school. On World Book Day we were amazed by the effort and creativity of the costumes seen this year - we had a brilliant day completing activities all around the theme of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.



Underwood Hall

This week we began (or last week ended) with our weekend trip to Dottery Pottery. Monday night was a chilly game of football on the astro. Tuesday night saw our March inter-dorm competition take place which was a Just Dance Off. Every boarder took part and it was nice opportunity to unite the boarders regardless of their dancing skills! Wednesday was the usual series night and Thursday was dominated by World Book Day fun. Well done to all of the boarders on their amazing costumes. This weekend we venture out to Thetford Forest for a spot of mountain biking. One of Mr Timmins's favourite trips! Whatever you might be up to, I hope you have an awesome weekend!





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Premier Education Update

Please find attached our latest Premier-Education newsletter, which includes all of our newest updates and developments. We're excited to share some of the fantastic work that has been taking place across our programmes, as well as a number of upcoming opportunities for schools to get involved in.

Inside, you'll find highlights of recent activities, celebrations of impact within our partner schools, and details of new and exciting initiatives we're looking forward to rolling out.

[Premier-Education Newsletter Updates 2026](#)



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Heads of School

Hi everyone. World Book Day was a big highlight this week. It was great to see all the book characters walking around school. Did you see Mr Tumnus, or the BFG, or the Year Six students wearing inflatable dinosaur and alien costume?! I hope you all have fun spending your book vouchers. Have a great weekend.
Henry (HoS)



Heads of Underwood

Hi everybody.
I hope you have had a fantastic week in Underwood Hall so far.
On Sunday we went to Dottery Pottery personal I loved it . On series night we watched the Simpsons and High School Musical. For take away we had chicken nuggets and watched are we done yet. Lastly we did even more table tennis battles.
Have a nice weekend
Bye for now from Bill (HoUH)



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Friends of Wymondham College Prep School

Friends Committee Meeting - Tuesday 10 March

Our next Friends Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10 March at The White Hart in Wymondham, starting at 7:45pm (arrive from 7:30pm).

At the meeting we'll be discussing plans for upcoming events, ideas for how best to use the funds we've raised, and some exciting new (and currently secret!) projects, along with other ways we can continue to support the school and children.



These meetings are always friendly and informal, and they're a great way to get an inside look at what's being planned, share your ideas, and help shape the fun and meaningful things the Friends organise for the children. It's also a lovely opportunity to meet and chat with other parents.

Everyone is very welcome to come along, whether you'd simply like to hear what's going on or would like to get more involved. We'd love to see you there.



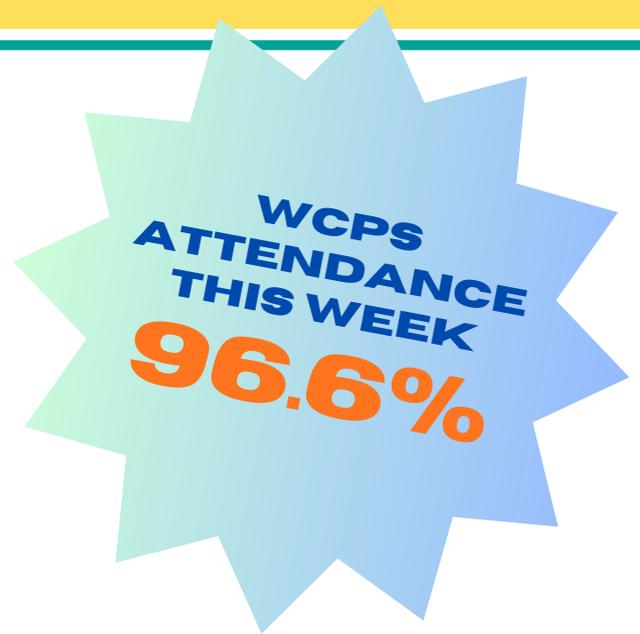
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NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK: A

Woodland Wonder Next Week

Monday	Am Session: Owls & Emperors PM Session: Emperors
Tuesday	AM Session: Royals/Kings & Eagles PM Session: Eagles



TO READ → ●●●●

The ECA programme was published today and you should have received this via email on Friday. Please do take some time to look over this with your children before bookings open next week.

We still have LOTS of lost property in the main reception area. Please do have a look if your child is missing any items. Unfortunately anything left over at the end of term will either be donated or disposed of.

Although we've seen some sunshine this week the temperatures are still cold; please do ensure you still send your children in with their coats as they will need these to be able to play outside during lunch and break times.

Further to our communication regarding the Whole School trip to the panto 2026. Please do remember to sign up via the consent form here:

[Panto Consent Form](#)

We also ask for a voluntary contribution of £23.50 or whatever you can afford via your child's MCAS app to help cover the cost of this trip



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Forthcoming Events

MARCH

Tuesday 10 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPTC bookings open to SEN families • Y4 trip to Sainsburys Centre 9-12:30pm
Wednesday 11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Cross Country 1:30pm - 3:15pm • Reading Cafe - EYFS / Y2 / Y4 / Y6 - 09:00am - 09:45am in classrooms ★ • No Orchestra ECA tonight
Thursday 12 th March	Reading Cafe - Y1 / Y3 / Y5 - 09:00am - 09:45am in classrooms ★
Friday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Parents SATS Information meeting in classrooms ★ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2:30pm - Jaguars ◦ 3:00pm - Lions • EXEAT weekend - no ECAs tonight • PPTCs Close to SEND parents 6:00pm • Y4 Cakes4Coaches • ECA sign up opens to families 6:00pm



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event



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MARCH

Monday 16 th March	PPTCs bookings open 6:00pm
Wednesday 18 th March	Y5/6 Netball event @ WC ●
Thursday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECA sign up closes 6:00pm Y3 Residential to Eaton Vale SEND Coffee Morning 08:45am - 09:30am in hall ★
Friday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Nose Day - Wearing something red & donate ECA allocations for the Summer Term published Last day of Spring Term ECAs PPTCs bookings close Y3 Eaton Vale residential returns
Monday 23 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Art Competition launches KS1 production bookings close No ECAS this week



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MARCH

Tuesday 24th March

- The Big House Egg Drop - more information to follow
- Re-scheduled Sphero Ball ECA runs tonight

NEW - Wednesday 25th March

KS1 Production in hall 2:15pm ★

NEW - Thursday 26th March

- KS1 Production in hall 09:15am ★
- EYFS & KS1 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - Await invitation; is your child being celebrated this time? ★

NEW - Friday 27th March

- Last day of term - Wraparound care open as normal
- KS2 Personal Growth Celebration 2:30pm - Await invitation; is your child being celebrated this time? ★
- Y6 Thornbridge Residential Parents Information evening



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Forthcoming Events

APRIL

30 th March - 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14 th April	Back to School
Thursday 16 th & Tuesday 21 st April	Parent Pupil Teacher Consultations (PPTCs) - Further information on bookings will be communicated next week
Monday 20 th April	Summer Term ECAs begin
Thursday 23 rd April	Class Photos with Tempest Photography



Signifies Parent invited event



Signifies child invited event



CHILDREN

Thursday 30 July 2026 – Saturday 1 August 2026



We would like to invite young musicians from all over Norfolk to attend our 3 day music course, giving them an opportunity to play various types of music of an Easy to Intermediate level and make new friends with children with a similar interest.

We hope to have swimming on the timetable and other activities, as well as playing lots of music! Staff members will be from Thetford Music Project alongside Parent Volunteers and our Musical Director will be Eddie Seales.

Parents, Friends and Relatives are invited to attend an informal concert at 12.00 noon on Saturday.

There is a choice of attending as a residential member or as a daily member.

Residential: You arrive on Thursday 30 July and go home on Saturday 1 August.
Please bring your own bedding e.g sleeping bag.
Children will be supervised by experienced qualified teachers.

Daily: You arrive each morning and go home in the afternoon / evening. Sleep in your own bed!
Option 1: To include lunch on Thursday and Friday (parents collect at 5.30pm)
Option 2: To include lunch and dinner on Thursday and Friday (parents to collect before 9pm)

Where: Wymondham College, Golf Links Rd, Wymondham , NR18 9SZ
When: Thursday 30 July, Friday 31 July, Saturday 1 August
Start Time: 10.00am (Thursday 30th)
Finish Time: Course finishes at 12.30pm (Saturday 1st) : **Informal concert at 12.00 noon**

How much: Residential = Total of **£155** (£145 for TMP members)
Daily (non residential) = Option 1 - Total of **£90.00** (£80 for TMP members)
Option 2 - Total of **£110.00** (£100 for TMP members)

Criteria: To play a woodwind, string, brass or percussion instrument for the orchestra.
Play Bass, Acoustic, Electric guitar, drums, keyboard for the rock band.

Standard: Between the Minimum level of grade 1 and Maximum level grade 5 (**guideline only**)

Age limit : Minimum age of 9 years and Maximum age of 17 years.

In order to book your place, please complete the form overleaf and send it together with a cheque payable to "Thetford Music Project". Or pay by BACs , bank detail overleaf .

If you require more information please feel free to contact Ann Smith. Chairman of TMP:
e-mail annsmithbrass@aol.com Tel: 01493 750465 or mobile : 07714144451.

THETFORD MUSIC PROJECT



TMP Music Course – 30 July to 1 August 2026 - Application Form



Name _____ Age _____ Male/Female

Address _____

Post Code _____

E-mail address _____ Telephone No. _____

Instrument/s _____ Approx. Standard _____

Residential / Daily _____

- I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to Thetford Music Project.
- Paid by BACs into account : Thetford Music Project *Reference as your surname followed by RES.*

Bank: LloydsSort code : 30-98-97.....Account: 79195763

Reduction of £10 per application for Thetford Music Project members.

Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____

All applicants will be notified by e-mail with further details on acceptance.

Please send form , by 9th July 2026, to Ann Smith, Chairman of Thetford Music Project,
Romany Rose, High Rd, Beighton, Norwich, NR13 3LA.....

OR

Scan completed application form and send by email if paid by BACs
thank you . Ann



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Cook. Eat. Smile.

Hop to it and book to join us on our eggscellant Easter holiday eggstravaganza!

Young chefs 5-11 years old are invited to join us in the kitchen for hands on cookery workshop.

Friday 2nd April

10am-12:30pm

**Cringleford CEVA Primary School
Norwich**

**£32 PER CHILD INCLUDING RECIPE CARDS,
PACKAGING & INGREDIENTS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FRAN ON:

07973 724870

INFO@STIR-IT-UP.CO.UK

<https://www.stir-it-up.co.uk/workshops>



Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that as part of your family's eligibility to claim means-tested free school meals, your child can take part in the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme – known locally as Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) – completely free of charge.

Funded by the UK Government, BNHF offers schoolchildren in Norfolk the chance to enjoy fun, active, and enriching activities during the Easter, summer, and winter school holidays.

Across Norfolk, we offer a wide variety of sessions, including:

- Sports and outdoor adventures
- Cooking and food-based fun
- Swimming and water-sport activities
- Dance and creative workshops

And plenty more exciting experiences!

Each holiday brings new activities to discover, alongside much-loved favourites, ensuring there's something for everyone.

Children are eligible if they are:

- Registered as receiving benefits-related free school meals. Please note that universal free school meals (from reception to Year 2) are different from benefits-related free school meals.
- Aged 4 to 16 and in full-time education.



The UK Government have announced upcoming changes to free school meal eligibility. All households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals from September 2026. Please note that the current rules still apply for the next programme.



ELIGIBILITY

Scan the QR code if you have any questions regarding your child's eligibility.



BOOK HERE

The dates for the next Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme are:

30th March 2026 - 13th April 2026

To browse activities and book your child's place, scan this QR code.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

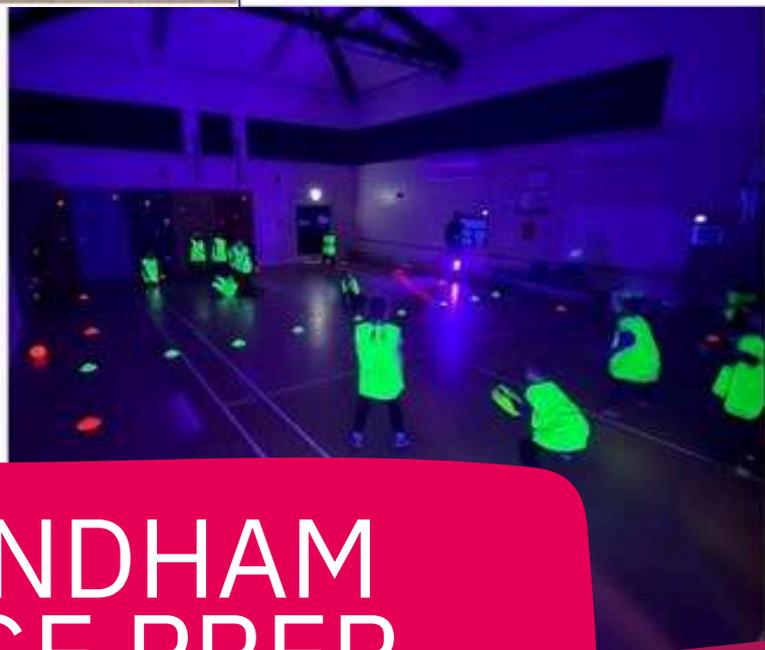
To find out more about the programme, check out the Active Norfolk website for a list of our most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

We can't wait to welcome your family onto the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme. Let's make this holiday as active and exciting it can be, full of opportunities to make new memories!

Best wishes,

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Team





WYMONDHAM COLLEGE PREP EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB



30% OFF NOW UNTIL 2nd March!!

20% discount from 3rd - 13th March

www.premier-education.com/holiday-clubs

**BOOK
NOW!**



YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB



Venue: Wymondham College Prep School

Dates: 30th March - 2nd April + 7th - 10th April

Times: 08:00-17:30 (Shorter time slot available on website)

Price: £42.01 (With no discount)

Ages: 4 -11

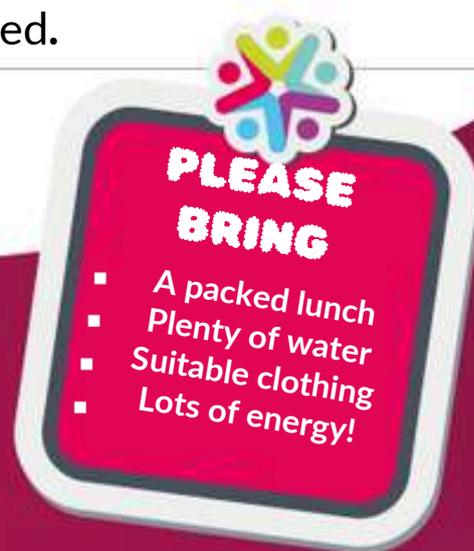
Additional info: Childcare vouchers accepted.



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Easter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



My granddaughter loves it here. The team are all great, I know she's safe here.



Premier Education Norfolk & North Suffolk



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